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## **FACT SHEET PERIODIC MONITORING GUIDANCE**

### **TODAY'S ACTION**

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing periodic monitoring guidance for State and local permitting authorities to use in evaluating whether sufficient monitoring is contained in each facility's air operating permit to assure compliance with regulations developed to meet Clean Air Act requirements.
- Under EPA's permits program, periodic monitoring is required for each emission point at a source subject to Clean Air Act requirements. No emission points are categorically exempt from this requirement.
- In evaluating periodic monitoring, permitting authorities determine whether a source's applicable requirements already contain adequate monitoring, and, if not, identify additional necessary monitoring after consideration of factors discussed in the guidance.
- EPA expects this guidance will resolve differing interpretations among permitting authorities concerning the adequacy of the periodic monitoring contained in a proposed permit. In addition, by clarifying periodic monitoring requirements, EPA expects this guidance will lead to good permits that satisfy the Clean Air Act and its regulations.
- EPA plans to concentrate its permit review efforts on periodic monitoring associated with:  
1) units whose uncontrolled or pre-controlled emissions exceed the threshold established under the Clean Air Act for a "major source," 2) non-major units that use control devices, 3) non-major units with environmental justice concerns, 4) non-major units that have significant impacts on air quality or that could pose significant risks, 5) units for which the public raised significant concerns, and 6) units for which proposed permits have no monitoring.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

- Interested parties with access to the Internet can obtain an electronic copy of the guidance from EPA's operating permits program web site at the following address:  
*<http://www.epa.gov/oar/oaqps/permits>*. For questions concerning the guidance, contact your EPA Regional Office, or Barrett Parker of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5635.
- Interested parties with questions concerning specific periodic monitoring adequacy determinations should contact their local or state permitting authority.